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International Control List

1. In response to your memorandum of 7 September 1956, all D/I branches having an interest in commodities on the International List have been queried regarding recommendations for decontrolling or downgrading any of these items. No recommendations for such action have been developed.

It should be observed that the position of the Soviet Bloc relative to the West has not changed significantly in the capital equipment field since the last revision of the IL List. Since present criteria are so inadequate, fully as good (or as poor) a case can now be made as was made two years ago for including or excluding particular items. This problem is fully explored in the attached discussion of machinery items. In the case of electronics equipment, the problem is the same.

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Attachments